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For: ELECTRODE STRUCTURE FOR POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELLS,  
AND POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL USING THE SAME

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4. The references are cited in a Japanese Office Action dated December 16, 2008, for counterpart Japanese Patent Application Number 2003-387362. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

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